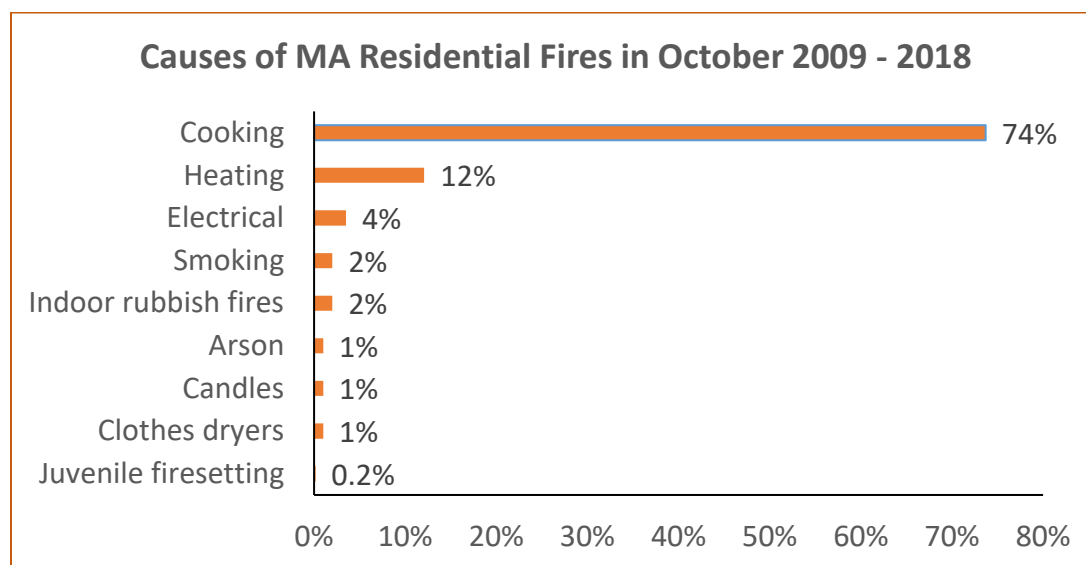

What's the Fire Risk in October?

October is a month where fire departments can spend time with the public because of Fire Prevention Week. There are many opportunities to promote fire safety and prevention.

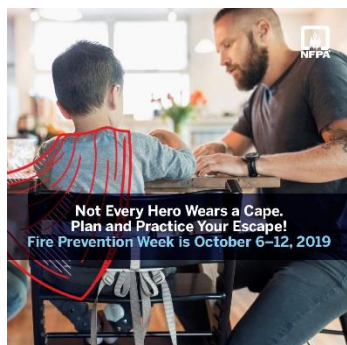
Fire Date Based on MFIRS Reporting, October 2009 - 2018

- 7% of all fires throughout the year
- Average of 22 civilian injuries
- Average of 32 fire service injuries
- Average of 6 civilian deaths
- Average of \$15.8 million in dollars lost



Cooking continues to be the leading cause of residential fires, but heating fires increased from September. Temperatures are changing and more people are using heat.

Educational Opportunities



Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12.

[NFPA's](#) theme this year is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!"

Visit DFS's [Fire Prevention Week](#) webpage and find valuable links as well as our Month of Fire Safety Calendar that will help you promote Fire Prevention Week messages throughout the month of October.



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The Heating Season is Beginning

Heating is the second leading cause of home fires in the state. The [Keep Warm, Keep Safe](#) campaign has information and a toolkit for fire educators to help prevent winter home heating fires. It includes a logo for local use, TV and radio public service announcements that can be aired locally, educational handouts that can be downloaded and a full color English/Spanish pamphlet that can be ordered in quantity from the [Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse](#).



Prepare Your Home for Winter

Have your [chimney and wood stove](#) serviced.

[Carbon monoxide \(CO\)](#) is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the U.S. Although CO poisoning happens year round, hundreds of people die accidentally each year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Learn to protect your family from CO. The carbon monoxide webpage will provide you with information about signs and symptoms of CO poisoning and sources of CO and other information that will keep you and your family safe.



Cooking Safety

Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires. Our [cooking campaign](#) has tools to use to promote safe cooking.



Natural Disasters



Hurricane season has begun. Use the [Hurricane Safety](#) information on the web to promote planning and preparation in the event of a hurricane. Generators are helpful when the electricity goes out, but can also be deadly. Review the [generator safety](#) webpage for more information.

Dryer Safety

People are using their dryers more in October. Remind everyone that [dryer safety](#) is something that we can all practice.



Halloween

Promote safe [Trick or Treating](#) with our flyer about Halloween safety.



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